

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BOOTLE

Mrs Barrow presided over the February meeting of Bootle W.I., when, despite the severe weather, there was a good attendance. Members' attention was drawn to the spring show to be held at the Derwent Centre, Cockermouth, on Saturday, March 10; providing there are sufficient names forwarded, transport by special bus will be arranged. As the garden spring show is to be held on April 14, the W.I. annual Easter sale is postponed until April 28. The proceeds of the monthly competition amounting to £2.50, were donated to the "Save the Children's Sight" appeal. Miss Smith, of the Outward Bound School, Eskdale, gave a very interesting talk and slide show of life among the Eskimos and Indians in Labrador, where she spent some time nursing the sick. Miss Smith was thanked by Mrs Hodgson, Hyecmoor Way. The competition winners were: Mrs Lowthian, Mrs Walker and Mrs Titherington. Supper hostesses were: Mrs Kitchen, Mrs Irving, and Mrs Hogg, with Mrs Hudson as speaker's hostess.

WOODEND AND DISTRICT

Presiding at the February meeting of Woodend and District W.I., at Croft End, Mrs Adams asked for a silent tribute to Miss Whitehead. Members were asked to take gifts for the produce stall to Mrs Huddleston in time for the spring show on March 10. Mr and Mrs Stainton gave a slide show (set to music) which consisted of some very unusual and beautiful scenes taken of the coast line between St. Bees and Fleswick bay. They were thanked by Mrs Minnie Hodgson. The competition for a posy of flowers from the garden was won by Mrs K. Herbert with Mrs P. Simpson second. Mrs Hetherington won the special prize. Tea was served by Mrs E. Graham and helpers. The competition for the March meeting is to be a small piece of brass.

ENNERDALE AND KINNSIDE

Mrs Monkhouse presided over the February meeting of the Ennerdale and Kinnside W.I., where members paid silent tribute to the memory of one of the members, Mrs Pattinson. Voting for the consultative committee took place. Thanks were expressed from the Friends of Garlands for kindness during the year. Helpers are wanted for the Meals on Wheels Service. There will be a social evening in W.I. House on March 29. An invitation from Lamplugh W.I. was received for the fashion show on April 10. Mrs Monkhouse welcomed Dr Simpson, who gave a very interesting talk on his work in Uganda as a general physician. He gave a very good description of how people lived in the country and he was thanked by Mrs Bott. The

competition, judged by Dr Simpson, for the three most useful articles in a first aid box was won by Mrs Hinde. Miss Greggain's prize was won by Mrs Adams. Mrs Bibby's half-hour prize was won by Mrs Monkhouse. The hostesses were Mrs Currie and Mrs Fearon.

RAVENGLASS

The golden jubilee of Raven-glass W.I. was held on February 14. The silver jubilee of their president, Mrs D. Hartley, was also celebrated. Mrs E. Wilson, a founder member, made the horse-show style birthday cake, beautifully designed in the institute's colours. In a short speech, she presented Mrs Hartley with a small clock on behalf of the members. Mrs Gallantry, who gave Mrs Hartley a Valentine card signed by all the members and guests present, thanked Mrs Wilson. In reply, the president welcomed Mrs Mary Cottam, W.I. County Chairman, presidents from other institutes and members and guests and thanked everyone who had helped to make this a memorable occasion. Mrs E. Thornton, secretary, read the minutes of the first meeting of February 15, 1923, and Mrs M. Farren, treasurer, read the first financial statement. It was interesting to hear that only three presidents have been in office over the 50 years, the first being Lady Hutchinson, with Lady Ramsden and Mrs Llewellyn as vice-presidents. Mrs Llewellyn later became president. After a meal prepared by the committee, Mrs Cottam proposed the toast to the W.I. The evening's entertainment came from the Millom Mixed Voice choir, with Mr Frank Crayston conducting, and Mrs Betty Newton accompanying on the piano. Delightful excerpts from "Merrie England" and "The Quaker Girl" were much appreciated. Mrs M. Farrish, Esk group convenor, thanked the institute on behalf of the guests.

FRIZINGTON

At the February meeting of Frizington W.I., Mrs Smith presided. Members were allowed to bring a friend, and the hall was full. Members stood in memory of Mrs E. Polley, a founder member who had acted as treasurer for 10 years, and in sympathy with Mrs Massey, Mrs Laidlaw, Mrs J. Polley, Mrs Corkhill and Mrs Laws. Members were asked to send entries for the competitions in the spring show to be held in the Derwent School, Cockermouth, on

CARE OF AGED

Dr J. Kaminski, consultant geriatrician at the West Cumberland Hospital, gave members of Whitehaven Rotary Club a talk entitled "Medical care of the aged" at the weekly luncheon last week at the Chase Hotel. He was thanked by Mr A. Dodd.

March 10. These will be taken to the show by Mr W. Jackson. Gifts for the various stalls were also asked for, and members wishing to attend were asked to give their names. The A.G.M. will be held on June 6 in London, and Ennerdale, the link W.I., will send the delegate. Members were asked to help with the Meals on Wheels Service. A drama festival will be held at Wyndham School, Egremont, in April, and a produce guild area meeting will be held on March 22 in Whitehaven College. After the business, Mr Baxter Shaw and his concert party were introduced by the president. They gave a most varied programme of solos and items by the choir, some of which were sung unaccompanied. The whole programme was greatly enjoyed by the audience. They were thanked by Mrs F. Wilkinson. The competition for a wine glass was won by Mrs J. Atkinson with Mrs S. Seeds second, and Mrs M. Smith kindly gave a bulb bowl and shopping basket which were won by Mrs M. Kervin and Mrs D. Briggs. The concert party were entertained to supper by the committee. The hostesses were Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Briggs, Mrs Tutty, Mrs Temple and Mrs Sewell.

WABERTHWAITHE AND CORNEY

The February meeting of Wabertwhaithe and Corney W.I. was chaired by Mrs Strong. Members were given details of the spring-show at Cockermouth on March 10, for which transport is being arranged, and the produce area meeting at Raven-glass on March 29. The main part of the evening was given to a talk on plants by Mr W. B. Postlethwaite and Mr G. Rayson. It was a very interesting evening, with some useful information gained, including advice on growing cuttings, how to get better soft fruit, and how to tackle roses. The two speakers were thanked by Mrs M. Jackson. The competition for the best pot plant was won by Mrs M. Stewart; 2, Mrs M. Preston; 3, Mrs M. New. The next meeting on March 15 includes a talk by Mrs Longley on Social Services. The competition is for the greatest number of articles on a one-inch safety pin.

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